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vs.

Case No.: 04-1565

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Defendants.

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1	Q. Who is Sam Zell?
2	A. He's a man.
3	Q. Is he a friend?
4	A. Yes.
5,	Q. And how long have you known him?
6	A. Roughly 40 years.
7	Q. I've read some other depositions that indicate
8	that you met Mr. Zell on the ski slopes; is that right?
9	A. That's what he says. I don't remember.
10	Q. All right. And you've known him since the
11	early '70s, roughly; is that about right?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. Is he a good friend?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. And is he a close business associate of yours?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. What kind of a business relationship do you
18	currently have with Mr. Zell?
19	A. He is a client.
20	Q. Are you essentially his broker?
21	A. One of them.
22	Q. Okay. And how much money does Mr. Zell have
23	invested with you?
24	MR. LEVY: You can answer if you want to,
25	Will.

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                THE WITNESS: I don't know.
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                MR. GARNETT: Q. Is it more than a million
      dollars?
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           A.
                Yes.
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           Q.
                Is it more than $5 million?
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           Α.
                Yes.
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                Is it more than $10 million?
           Ο.
           A.
                Yes.
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                Is it more than $20 million?
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           Q.
10
           Α.
                Yes.
                Is it more than $50 million?
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           Q.
12
           Α.
                I don't know.
                Did Mr. Zell have money invested with you or
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           Q.
      with any firm you were affiliated with during the period
14
      of time 1999 to 2000?
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           A.
                Yes, I think so.
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           Q. Okay. And was that at Jackson Square
      Partners?
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           Α.
                Probably, yes.
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                Wait, it was -- was Jackson Square Partners --
      if Jackson Square Partners was in business at that time,
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22
      the answer would be yes.
23
           Ο.
                Fair enough. And if it wasn't Jackson Square
24
      Partners, would it have been Conifer Securities?
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           A. No.
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1	THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah, yeah.
2	MR. GARNETT: Q. Who is the Ann and Robert H.
3	Lurie Foundation?
4	A. It's a foundation in Chicago.
5	Q. And are they is that an entity that you
6	have invested with in the past?
7	MR. LEVY: You mean co-invested, don't you?
8	THE WITNESS: I don't understand the question.
, 9	MR. LEVY: I don't, either.
10	MR. GARNETT: Q. What's your have you ever
11	done business with the Lurie Foundation in the past?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. In what capacity?
14	A. Advising some of their investments.
15	Q. And did they invest through Jackson Square
16	Partners?
17	A. I think so. I don't remember. I'm almost
18	certain that they did invest in Jackson Square Partners,
19	not through them.
20	Q. Yes.
21	A. Okay.
22	Q. And when did they first purchase shares of
23	stock of Coram, if you know?
24	A. I don't know.
25	Q. Did you handle the purchase of that stock for

1.	Q. Have you known her since before the death of
2	Robert Lurie?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Were they friends of yours?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. And how long prior to his death was Robert
7	Lurie a friend of yours?
8	A. 10-ish years.
9	Q. How did you first meet him?
LO	A. He was Sam's old partner, and I met him, I
L1	believe, in that context, or socially around that.
L2 ·	Q. And did you have both a business and a social
L3	relationship with him?
L4	A. Yes.
L5	Q. And do you continue to have both a business
L6	and a social relationship with Ann Lurie?
L7	A. I do.
18	Q. Who is Mark Slezak?
19	MR. LEVY: I'm sorry. You asked that
20	question.
21	THE WITNESS: You did ask that question, but
22	I'll give you the same answer.
23	He's the financial manager of the Lurie
24	Foundation. I don't know if that's his title.
25	MR. GARNETT: Q. How long have you known

1	A. Well, as I stated earlier, I don't think the
2	company was in bankruptcy. I don't think the company
3	had any reason to be put in bankruptcy. I thought that
4	I and the other 4,000 shareholders, et cetera, had been
5	maltreated and that it wasn't okay and wouldn't, in the
6	end, be okay to simply declare that the company is
7	bankrupt for your own reasons and without any regard to
8	the shareholders. So I felt that it was an interesting
9,	opportunity, and I also thought that the stock was
10	selling at 8 cents, or something like that, and I could
11	measure what the risk was, unlike most of my
12	investments.
13	Q. At the beginning of this time you did begin a
14	period where you purchased substantial stock of Coram
15	for both yourself and others in your group at that
16	point, right?
17	MR. LEVY: Let me object to the form, the word
18	"substantial".
19	MR. GARNETT: Q. Well, let me ask you this
20	and it may save us some time, and tell me if it's
21	accurate. I have looked at records, subsequent 13D
22	filings and the like, that would indicate that in
23	between the time of the filing of the bankruptcy and the
24	end of December of 2000, that you and others listed in

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the 13D letters purchased Coram stock that raised the

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1	percentage of stock that you controlled from about
2	25 percent to almost 40 percent.
3	Does that sound right to you?
4	MR. LEVY: I'm going to object and say if you
5	have some records to show him that say end of
6	December
7	MR. GARNETT: I'll be happy to go through the
8	records.
9	Q. Tell me generally, does that sound right to
1.0	you?
11	A. It doesn't sound right or wrong. I don't mean
12	to be disputing you; I just don't know.
13	Q. Do you remember beginning to purchase large
14	amounts of stock after the bankruptcy was filed?
15	A. I remember purchasing stock.
16	Q. Okay.
17	A. I don't know what "large amounts" means.
18	Q. And did you make those we'll look at the
19	records in a little while.
20	Did you purchase those for yourself and others
21	of the individuals we went through earlier who had been
22	listed in the 13D letter?
23	A. Probably.
24	Q. Okay. Now, as I understand it, you objected
25	to the initial plan of reorganization that was filed on

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LIEBENTRITT, called by Defendant Daniel D. Crowley,
for examination, pursuant to the Federal Rules of

Civil Procedure of the United States District Courts
pertaining to the taking of depositions taken before

Stephanie A. Battaglia, CSR and Notary Public in and
for the County of DuPage and State of Illinois, at 11

South LaSalle Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois,
on March 14, 2007, 9:24 a.m.

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      understanding, and it is a matter of public record
      what we purchased and when we purchased and how many
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      we paid, that we purchased Coram securities both
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      before and after the filing of the bankruptcy.
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                   I am going to have you take a look at
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      Exhibit No. 9 I believe we are up to.
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                    (Document marked Deposition Exhibit 9 for
                    identification.)
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      BY MR. LYNCH:
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             Ο.
                   If you can take a look at this, this is
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11
      an e-mail from Marian Flynn to you, Don Liebentritt,
      on Thursday, October 12, 2000, Subject: Coram.
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                   Have you seen this before?
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                   MR. TOMASHEFSKY: What you handed me, at
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      least, was several documents paper clipped together.
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                   MR. LYNCH: We are marking it as a single
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      exhibit.
                   MR. TOMASHEFSKY: You characterized it as
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      an e-mail. It seems to me there are several e-mails
19
      here.
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                   MR. LYNCH: Fair enough.
      BY MR. LYNCH:
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             Q.
                   The first page is an e-mail from
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      Marian Flynn dated October 12, 2000. Attached to that
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1	is a transaction summary.
2	Have you seen this before?
3 .	A. I think so. I mean, it was addressed to
4	me and I produced it. I am sure I have seen it.
5	Q. And on that first on the first page it
6	says "The first tab has activity 8/8/2000 and the
7	second tab has purchased after." And if you look at
8	the following page, it lists trade dates, quantities
9	of shares, trade amounts, price per share, among other
10	things, and the last date on that column is 3/30/2000.
11	Does this represent Samstock purchases of
12	Coram stock?
13	A. I believe so. That is my understanding
14	of what it is, yes.
15	Q. And on that first page at the end of the
16	quantity column, it notes 450,000 shares.
1.7	Is that your understanding of the number
18	of shares Samstock held in Coram stock as of August 8,
19	2000?
20	A. Based on this exhibit, I believe that is
21	the case.
22	Q. And if you turn to the next page, the
23	first entry is August 9th of 2000 for a trade date, do
24	you see that?

1	A. Yes.	
2 .	Q. And it says, quantity, 450,000; per	
. 3	share, it says 6¢.	
4	Is it your understanding that on	
5	August 9th Samstock purchased 450,000 shares of Coram	•
6	stock at 6¢ per share?	
7	A. That is what I would understand from this	
8	exhibit.	
9	Q. And if you look down there are three	
10	purchases that are offset at the bottom for October,	
11	(from Conifer on-line info).	
12	Is that Conifer Securities?	
13	A. I believe so, yes.	
14	Q. So is it your understanding from	
15	reviewing this that between August 9, 2000, and	
16	October 4th of 2000 Samstock purchased 2,178,000	
17	shares of Coram stock?	
18	A. No.	
19	Q. What is your understanding?	
20	A. In what regard, of what?	
21	Q. What this represents.	
22	A. It represents a series of purchases of	
23	securities by Samstock on the dates indicated and the	
24	amounts indicated.	

1	BY MR. LYNCH:
2	Q. The e-mail dated November 14th.
3 .	A. DL00034. Okay, I am looking at it.
4	Q. In which is a response from Marian Flynn
5	to your request to her stating "Do you have a current
6	spreadsheet on our Coram position?" Her reply, "There
7	has been no new purchases, but the cost information
8	for October purchases has been added."
9	If you turn to the next page turn,
LO	rather, to the last page, it looks as though that
L1	October 16, 2000 purchase has been added for 322,000
L2	shares.
13	Do you see that?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. And do you notice that the previous
16	purchase was for 54,000?
L7	A. 500.
18	Q. And the previous for 16,500 and so on?
19	A. Yes.
2 0	Q. And the total for that column is
21	2,050,000 shares, correct?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. And does that represent the number of
24	shares that Coram purchased that Samstock purchased

1	of Coram stock after August 9th between August 9th
2	and October 16th?
3	A. That is what this indicates.
4	Q. And if you look at the price per share
5	column, is it your understanding that Samstock was
6	purchasing those shares at prices ranging from 6 cents
7	per share up to 11 cents per share?
8	A. That is what it looks like. That is what
9	it looks like.
10	Q. Do you know why Samstock bought more than
11	2 million shares of Coram stock after it filed for
12	bankruptcy?
13	A. Because it was considered to be a good
14	investment.
15	Q. Why was it considered to be a good
16	investment?
17	A. Because I think there was a belief that
18	the value of the equity on a per share basis was in
19	excess of the amounts we were paying to acquire the
20	stock on a per share basis.
21	Q. And as of Mr. Levy's letter of August 8th
22	indicating that the bankruptcy plan would wipe out
23	existing equity, was it your understanding at this
24	time that these purchases were made that if Coram's

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1	bankruptcy plan were confirmed equity value equity
. 2	would get nothing and that those shares would be
3	worthless?
4	A. That would be my understanding or that
5	would have been my understanding.
6	Q. How did you anticipate making money from
7	these shares?
8	A. That the plan as proposed by the debtor
9	would not be confirmed and it would be eventually
10	determined that the equity value of the company on a
11	per share basis was in excess of the cost to be paid
12	to acquire securities on a per share basis.
13	Q. So is it fair to say that the investment
14	strategy of buying Coram stock after it filed for
15	bankruptcy was dependent on defeating that bankruptcy
16	plan?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. And are you aware, did Samstock purchase
19	any shares after October 16, 2000?
20	A. I don't think we did. The total shares
21	that we still own is 2,500,000, and I don't know if
22	you can say we own shares anymore, but that is what we
23	owned up until the final confirmation hearing, and
24	this accounts for all that activity, so whatever.

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1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Or, rather, steps steps in the legal
3	process?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. And what did you have in mind then for
6	Mr. Levy to do going forward?
7	MR. TOMASHEFSKY: Object to the form of
8	the question. I don't understand.
9	THE WITNESS: To oppose the plan that we
10	thought was unfair.
11	BY MR. LYNCH:
12	Q. To oppose that plan in court, is that
13	what you mean?
14	A. Well, yes. Whatever was the appropriate
15	way to oppose it so that the equity would not be
16	extinguished.
17	Q. So whatever means necessary to oppose
18	this plan?
19	MR. TOMASHEFSKY: Object to the form of
20	the question, it is argumentative.
21	THE WITNESS: Yes, whatever lawful
22	reasonable means, sure.
23	BY MR. LYNCH:
24	Q. So is it fair to say that the equity

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committee was going to do whatever it could to defeat
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      Coram's bankruptcy plan?
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                   MR. TOMASHEFSKY: Object to the form of
      the question; again, restating and arguing.
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                   THE WITNESS: Yes, I think my answer to
      that question is the same as my answer to the previous
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      question.
      BY MR. LYNCH:
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                   I am going to have you take a look at
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             Q.
      Exhibit 13.
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                    (Document marked Deposition Exhibit 13 for
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                    identification.)
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      BY MR. LYNCH:
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                   This is an October 25th --
             Q.
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                   I am sorry, can you give me 15 seconds?
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             Α.
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      Thank you.
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                   Mr. Zell?
                        It is for an organizational
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                   Nö.
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      volunteer form, they are going to get a White House
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      tour.
21
                   On October 25, 2000, or this is a letter
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      dated October 25, 2000, from -- to Theodore J. Lowe of
23
      Altheimer & Gray, it is from Coram Healthcare
24
      Corporation and its attorneys, and it states:
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1	FRIEDMAN
2	A. It's certainly possibly.
3	Q July, August, September
4	October of 2000 time frame.
5	A. I don't recall, but it's certainly
6	possible.
7	Q. Do you recall expressing a view
8	along the likelihood that an equity committee
9	would be appointed?
10	A. I don't recall, no.
11	Q. Is it your experience that in
12	situations in which equity are the equity
13	holders are significantly under water, that
14	there's less likely an equity committee would
15	be appointed?
16	A. It's less likely but there is
17	there is very little precision to the to
18	the predictability of this, because it's very
19	much within the discretion of the U.S.
20	Trustee.
21	Q. Didn't you tell the Coram board
22	that you thought it would be unlikely that an
23	equity committee would be appointed?
24	A. I don't remember.
25	Q. Now, as part of in addition to

	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u></u>
1	FRIEDMAN	
2	the plan, you submitted a disclosure	
. 3	statement on behalf of Coram; is that right?	
4	A. That's correct.	
5	Q. I want to talk about how that	
6	disclosure statement was prepared for a few	
7	minutes, and I don't want to talk about the	
8	substance, the contents of the statement but	-
9.	just physically how it was done.	
10	A. Okay.	•
11	Q. So the statement was prepared under	
12	your supervision?	
13	A. The disclosure statement?	
14	Q. Yes.	
15	A. Yes.	
16	Q. And was it tell me how it was	
17	prepared, how it came to be.	
18	A. I think the disclosure statement	
19	has a number of components to it. I don't	
20	recall who was responsible for drafting what,	
21	but I suspect that we had multiple attorneys	
22	that were working on the document. My	
23	recollection is that I don't know how we	
24	got from I'm sorry. The Chanin report was	
25	issued when?	

		
1	FRIEDMAN	
2	which Mr. Marabito or Mr. Danitz or anybody	
3	else didn't refused to provide you	
4	information in response to a request?	
5	A. No.	
6	Q. At the time you filed the	
7	disclosure statement had you had an adequate	
8 .	opportunity to gather the information you	
9	needed for the disclosure statement?	
10	A. We thought we had, yes.	
11	Q. Who decided what would be put into	
12	the disclosure statement?	
13	A. Probably, probably various lawyers	
14	within the office, to the extent that there	
15	was a decision, but I don't recall us ever	
16	deciding not to include anything. We were	
17	just gathering information that we thought	
18	was relevant and throwing it all in as we got	
19	it.	
20	Q. Now, at the time that you filed the	
21	statement, you believed it to be accurate;	
22	correct?	
23	A. Yes.	
24	MR. SLAUGHTER: Now, I would like	
25	to talk to you about a specific portion	
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1	FRIEDMAN
2	Q. Did you ever ask Mr. Crowley about
3	it at the time that you filed the disclosure
4	statement?
5	A. I believe I did have conversations
6	with Mr. Crowley about this.
7	Q. Prior to the time you filed the
8	disclosure statement?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. Okay. And what and how many
11	times did you have that conversation,
12	conversations with Mr. Crowley about this?
13	A. I really don't recall the number of
14	times.
15	Q. More than once?
16	A. I don't know.
17	Q. And what were the substance of
18	those conversations with Mr. Crowley?
19	A. I think Mr. Crowley volunteered to
20	me that he had a relationship with Cerberus
21	with respect to other matters, and he made a
22	particular point of telling me that his
23	relationship with Cerberus was completely
24	divorced from his role at Coram. And I think
25	I asked him to please make sure that we had

1	FRIEDMAN	
2	accurate language that would describe that	
3	relationship.	
4	Q. Did you ask to see his agreement	
5	with Cerberus?	
6	A. I wasn't	
7	MR. NOVICK: Object to the form,	
8	foundation.	•
9	A. I was never informed that there was	
10	a written agreement. And I did not	
11	understand that there was a written agreement	
12	at the time.	
13	Q. Do you have a recollection that	
14	your firm didn't have a copy of that	
15	agreement prior to the time the disclosure	•
16	statement was filed?	
17	A. I don't know whether or not our	
18	firm had a copy of it or not. I don't	
19	recall, at least sitting here today I don't	
20	recall being aware of the agreement at the	
21	time.	
22	Q. Did you ever ask Mr. Crowley how	
23	much he was being paid by Cerberus?	
24	A. I don't know.	
25	Q. I'm sorry. Was that "I don't know"	

1	FRIEDMAN
2	or, "no, I don't think I did"?
3	A. I don't know.
4	Q. Did you ever talk to Mr. Feinberg
5	about his relationship, about Cerberus'
6	relationship with Mr. Crowley prior to the
7	time the disclosure statement was filed?
8	A. I don't recall having that
9 .	conversation.
LO	Q. Did you ever speak with anybody
L1	from Cerberus about Mr. Crowley's
L2	relationship with Cerberus prior to the time
L3	the disclosure statement was filed?
L4	A. I don't recall having such a
L5	conversation.
L6	Q. Did you ever ask Mr. Crowley to see
L7	any written agreement he might have had with
L8	Cerberus prior to the time the disclosure
L9	statement was filed?
20	A. I didn't understand such an
21	agreement to exist, and I didn't ask him to
	see it.
22	
23	Q. I am going to show you a I'm not
24	going mark it since it's a transcript, but I
25	am going to show you here a transcript from

1	FRIEDMAN	
2	to strike that answer, and I will ask it	
3	again.	
4	Q. You knew, however, that Mr. Crowley	
5	was receiving a fee from Cerberus prior to	·
6	the time the bankruptcy was filed; isn't that	
7	correct?	
8	A. When you say "a fee," the answer is	
9	no. I understood that he was being paid for	
10	services, but when you say "a fee," I did not	
11	know that there was a fixed fee involved.	
12	Q. You knew that he was being paid by	
13	Cerberus for services?	· .
14	A. Yes, that's correct.	
15	Q. You never asked him how much he was	
16	being paid?	
17	A. At the time I don't believe I did.	
18	Q. Why not?	
19	A. I don't know. I think I probably	•
20	should have.	
21	Q. Was it a failing on your part not	
22	to ask that question?	
23	A. Well, in hindsight it certainly	
24	was. I mean at the time we were trying to	
25	get a disclosure statement on file, and we	

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- Q. And who are those people that you are referring to?
- A. I think we consulted with -- with other lawyers. I don't remember exactly who at the time, but there were other lawyers involved. I think we definitely discussed it with creditors' committee counsel.

I just remember there being both a discussion of how to proceed, and then a discussion of who to engage to accomplish the objectives.

Q. Okay. You said you thought -- strike that.

So what happened next then?

A. Well, I understand we had a number of discussions. I remember talking about this with Chaim Fortgang who represented the creditors' committee and others, and we concluded that the best path forward was to retain an independent firm to look at the plan, the history of the conflict and its disclosure and nondisclosure, and the -- the remaining aspects that were relevant to the

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- case and to have somebody independent approved by the court and hired to render essentially an independent report with respect to what had happened and make recommendations as to how to proceed.
- Q. And did you make a recommendation to Coram that they take that?
- A. Whether I made it or whether I endorsed it, based upon someone else's view, I don't know, but I certainly thought it was the right thing to do.
- Q. And what did you envision

 Mr. Crowley's involvement being in that

 process?
- A. I think the idea would be that Mr. Crowley do nothing other than run the company and -- an operational perspective. He would be disassociated from any activity with respect to a new plan, a new disclosure statement. He would run the company operationally and he would be made available to the independent restructuring advisor to answer questions on an as-needed basis, but he would be out of the business of writing a

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2	new plan.
3	Q. And who would the independent
4	restructuring advisor report to then?
5	A. He would report, I believe, to the
6	directors other than Crowley.
7	MR. SLAUGHTER: And let me mark as
8	Exhibit 9, if you guys can grab from
9	your files of meeting minutes the
L O	December 28, 2000 Coram minutes.
11	(Exhibit Friedman-9, Minutes of a
L2 _.	Telephonic Meeting of the Board of
L3	Directors of Coram Healthcare
L4	Corporation, December 28, 2000, Bates
L5	Nos. TRUSTEE009502 through
L6	TRUSTEE009507, marked for
L7	identification, this date.)
L8	Q. And this is a minutes of
L9	Exhibit 9, Minutes of a Telephonic Meeting of
20	the Board of Directors of Coram Healthcare,
21	dated December 28, 2000. You see you are
22	identified as being present on that telephone
23	call?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. In the last full paragraph, if you